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Dieter Tresp's "Organic Compositions" Inspire Awareness at Endangered Planet

LAGUNA BEACH, CA — German-born artist, curator, and world traveler **Dieter Tresp** will exhibit more than 20 of his unique and inspiring "**Organic Compositions**" paintings at Laguna Beach's innovative Endangered Planet Gallery, his first southern California show in more than six years. Tresp's exhibition runs from February 1 - April 29.

Tresp's "Organic Compositions" series is a continuation of a multiyear project of more than 50 paintings by the artist that meld subtle, sensuous, figurative drawings into backgrounds of abstract geography, representing locations and environments around the world. The goal of this series is, according to the artist, "to invoke and emphasize the interdependent, organic relationship between humans and their home planet."

"These are subtle, beautiful and thought-provoking works," says Charles Murray, Endangered Planet's founder and gallery co-director. "Each of Tresp's watercolors in this series is a unique creation, and each sensuous figure - male or female - interplays with the geographical background in a different way. Yet the overall message of our direct relationship to our world, of the inter-relatedness of us and our environment, comes through in every work. For our gallery, with its focus on environmental awareness and education, these works are both relevant and inspirational."

A reception for the artist is scheduled for Thursday evening, February 1, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., in conjunction with Laguna Beach's First Thursdays Art Walk event.

Tresp was born and raised in Kiel in Northern Germany and educated at Germany's Hamburg University. He moved to the U.S. in 1986, first to San Francisco, then here to Laguna Beach, then for the past five years to Bolinas, a small, coastal community in northern California's Marin County. Since 2000, his work has been exhibited widely in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Currently, Tresp serves as Curator of Exhibitions at the Bolinas Museum, a nonprofit museum that specializes in exhibits by artists in Stinson Beach, Muir Beach, Bolinas, and other Coastal Marin communities.

In addition to his roles as artist and museum curator, Tresp is active in publication. Since 1992, he has published three art books, including 2005's *Paintings from the Organic Compositions Series* (ePressBooks, San Francisco), which includes color plates of more than 40 paintings completed from 2000 through 2004. Signed copies of the book's first edition are available for purchase at the gallery. Tresp's other books, featuring sketches and watercolor miniatures of sites and locations around the world, are also offered.

In addition to Tresp's "Organic Compositions" exhibition, Endangered Planet Gallery offers CDs, DVDs, videos, and books on environmental and cultural-protection topics, as well as Endangered Planet clothing and wearables. A portion of sales of all art and other items supports the American Red Cross (Orange County Chapter) and various other charities.

The gallery is open Monday - Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and by appointment. Endangered Planet Gallery is located in The Lumber Yard at 384 Forest Ave., Suite #13, in Laguna Beach, across the street from Café Zinc. For more information, visit the web site at endangeredplanet.org.

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